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Title: CLOSURE FOR A CONTAINER

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This correspondence is in response to an Office Action mailed May 11, 2005 setting forth a written restriction requirement. This response is being filed within the shortened statutory period of one month set for response.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, including Species I relating to Figs. 1-5 and Species II relating to Figs. 6-11. The Examiner required election of a single species for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner stated that currently claims 1-3, 11, and 12 are generic.

Applicants elect Species I (Figs. 1-5) for examination. Applicants identify claims 1-3, 5, 6, 11, 12, and 14 as reading on the identified figures of Species I, with claims 1-3, 6, 11, and 12 being generic. The election is made without traverse.

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Reply to Office Action of May 11, 2005

Prompt examination and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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